Trunk Automatic Exchange were diverted and directly connected on two telephone lines working from these premises.

(c) Yes, Sir. A few cases of tampering with meters and diversion of telephone lines were reported earlier. Departmental action against officials involved is under process in some cases while other cases have been made over to CBI for further investigation.

Upgradation of sub-post and telegraph office

887. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from a Member of Parliament requesting for the upgradation of the present sub-post and telegraph office at Sapekhati, Sibsagar, Assam;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question doesn't arise.

Creation of sub-post office and telegraph office

888. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation on 11th June, 1993 pleading for the creation of a sub-post office and telegraph office at Longpatia, Sibsagar district in Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Office & Telegraph Office; Yes Sir.

Post Office:

(b) Post Office The Extra Departmental Branch Post Office Longpatia will be upgraded into Departmental Sub Office subject to fulfilment of departmental norms, availability of resources within the target fixed by the Depattment.

Telegraph Office: Telegraph facilities will be provided subject to availability of resources and wihin the targets fixed.

Recalling of calls made on telephones under electronic exchanges

889. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABMAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the electronic telephone exchange system, all phone calls made can be recalled for certain period of time;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that respective telecom districts can supply information on all STD phone calls made for a period of 3 years in electronic exchanges;

(c) whether there is any change for furnishing such computerised information to subscribers and;

(d) if so, what are the feats thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However, in E10B type of electronic exchanges the facility to provide computerised information on all STD phone calls exist.

(b) No. Sir The tapes containing the information are preserved only for one year.

(c) and (d) This information can be furnished free of charge to all the subscribers along with regular bills.

Utilisation of amount of money orders

890. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to utilise the money at its disposal on any day between acceptance of money orders and its final payment;

(b) what is the estimated amount available with Government on a day on this account;

(c) what are the reasons for this; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to improve its services to earn more revenue if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Post is part & parcel of the Government of India and not a Public Sector/Departmental Undertaking for utilising the money in transit.

(b) As per accounts, the amount of total money orders handled during 1992-93 has been to the tune of Rs. 3000 crores. Day to Day Data is not maintained.

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) Yes Sir. The Government has since approved a plan to instal 75 micro-earth stations (also called Very Small Aperture Terminals—VSATs) to transmit money order advices via Satellite Communications. The Department of Electronics is to provide all the technical support necessary for implementation of the project. The new technology is expected to reduce the cost of money order operations. The net work so developed will also help the Department to launch new value added services in the future (such as electronic money transfers etc.). Such services have substantial potential to generate additional revenue for the Government.

Telephone connections released in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

891. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones sanctioned and cleared for release in Visakhapatnam town in Andhra Pradesh in year 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what is the number of telephones yet to be installed;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a long time lag between sanction of phones and actual installation in Visakhapatnam;

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take streamline the telecom administration in Visakhapatnam; and

(e) what other measures are being taken to improve the response of Visakhapatnam telecom to the needs of phone subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The details of the number of telephones sanctioned and released during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as under

	No. of Telephones	
Year	Sanctioned	released
91-92	2479	2479
92-93	4026	4023

(b) Waiting list of registrants is 14,321.